



December 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welch is excited to participate in the Young Authors' Program this year. The program is Co-sponsored by the Illinois Language and Literacy Council and the Illinois Reading Council. The Young Authors' Program is intended to generate interest in, appreciation of, and recognition for children's writing. One student's work will be selected to represent Welch Elementary at a state-wide Young Authors' Conference in May. The work must be an original story, essay, play, concept book or collection of poems completed by the child. The work may be handwritten or typed. A parent may type the story, as the child dictates. Writing may be illustrated, but illustrations, photographs or computer generated drawings are not required. Every child at Welch may participate in the program; however it is optional. Student entries are due by Friday, February 2nd. All students who "create a book" automatically becomes a District 204 Young Author. The school representative will be selected by a Young Authors' Committee and will be announced at a Young Authors Café for students on Tuesday, February 27th. Student work will also be displayed on the evening of Open House in March.

FORMAT REQUIREMENTS

- Books should have a front cover securely attached to the book.
- Books should have a title page.
- Books may have a dedication page, but it is optional.
- **Names should be written on the BACK cover of the book.**

CELEBRATIONS/AWARDS

- Each Young Author participant will receive a Young Author ribbon.
- Each Young Author book will be on display on the evening of Open House.
- Each Young Author will have their picture taken with their book and their pictures will be displayed in the LMC for Open House.
- All Young Authors will be invited to a Young Authors Café to share their books.
- This year's school representative will be invited to attend the state's Young Authors' Conference in Normal, Illinois in May.

We hope to have many Welch Young Authors this year! Please contact Mrs. Diqui, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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